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HERNDON OCCUPANCY ENFORCEMENT MANUAL RECOGNIZED BY STATEWIDE ZONING ORGANIZATION

Herndon, VA (October 10, 2006) – At its recent annual conference, the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials (VAZO) presented its Outstanding Organization Award to the Town of Herndon's Zoning Inspections team, in recognition of its "outstanding" Excessive Occupancy Policy and Procedure Manual.

In presenting the award, VAZO cited the comprehensive materials included in the manual and recommended it as a template for other jurisdictions to review and adopt.

The Excessive Occupancy Policy and Procedure Manual was developed in 2005 by the Zoning Inspections team, operating within the Community Development Department. The manual is continuously updated and outlines detailed operations procedures for initiating, navigating and bringing to resolution excessive occupancy investigations.

"The manual developed by Herndon's Zoning Inspections team has been called a blueprint for other jurisdictions to follow," said Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis. "These top-notch professionals are well deserving of this recognition, and I and the Council look forward to working with them in our continuing efforts to enhance the health and safety of our citizens by reducing excessive occupancy violations."

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

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